



## Georgia Department of Human Resources

# THE GEORGIA FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM

## fact sheet

The Georgia Family Planning Program (GFPP) provides comprehensive reproductive health services each year to approximately 175,000 women of childbearing age and their partners. Services include physical exams; birth control counseling and supplies; abstinence skills training; immunizations; and screening for cancer, high blood pressure, diabetes, HIV and other sexually transmitted infections. The GFPP also provides screening, counseling and referral for risk factors affecting women's health such as substance abuse, poor nutrition, cigarette smoking and exposure to violence.

Over ninety percent of the women served in the program have incomes below 250% of the federal poverty level and most have no health insurance. The GFPP provides most of these women with their only source of primary care.

GFPP provides services to women in all 159 Georgia counties through a network of county public health clinics, hospital clinics, community health centers and other agencies.

It is estimated that the program serves only 50 percent of women in Georgia who are in need of publicly supported contraceptive services – those who have a family income under 250% of the federal poverty level and are at risk for unintended pregnancy.

In Georgia, publicly funded family planning clinics help women avoid 47,300 unintended pregnancies each year. Pregnancies that are spaced at least 18 to 24 months apart are more likely to result in healthy mothers and infants. Clinic services also reduce the need for abortion, lower the rates of sexually transmitted infections including HIV and detect breast and cervical cancer at the earliest stages.

The 2006 fiscal year budget for family planning includes \$8.3 million in federal funds and \$11.5 million in non-federal funds (state funds and program income). Federal and state family planning funds are not used to pay for abortions.

You can visit <http://health.state.ga.us/programs/familyplanning/> to view *Georgia's Family Planning Program Facts at a Glance, Fiscal Year 2005* which presents an overview of the Georgia Family Planning Program's services and clients and is based on data submitted by a network of 276 clinic sites across the state. For more information on the GFPP, contact your county health department or the Powerline (a statewide, toll-free hotline) at 1-800-822-2539.